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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CEMENTING DRILL STRINGS IN PLACE FOR ONE PASS DRILLING AND COMPLETION OF OIL AND GAS WELLS

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE DATED MAY 12, 2005

This is intended as a response to the Notice of Allowance dated May 12, 2005, in which the Examiner objected to the information disclosure statement filed on January 11, 2005.

Applicant does not believe any fees are due in connection with this submission. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0525/WBP, for any fees required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.